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(24) As I live, says the LORD {Jehovah}, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet ring upon My right hand, yet I would pluck you from there;

(25) And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose face you fear, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

(26) And I will cast you out, and your mother who gave birth to you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die.

(27) But to the land where they desire to return, there they will not return.

(28) Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel in which there is no pleasure? why are they cast out, he and his offspring, and are cast into a land which they do not know?

(29) O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(30) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Write this man childless, a man who will not prosper in his days: because no man of his descendants will prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Chapter 23

(1) Woe to the pastors who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says against the pastors who feed My people; You have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: Indeed, I will visit upon you the evil of your deeds, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they will be fruitful and increase.

(4) And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them: and they will be afraid no more, nor be dismayed, neither will they be in want, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) Look, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, and a King will reign and prosper, and will execute judgment and justice in the earth.

(6) In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live safely: and this is His Name by which He will be called, THE LORD {Jehovah} OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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(7) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD, that they will no more say, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

(8) But, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up and Who led the descendants of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they will live in their own land.

(9) My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD {Jehovah}, and because of the words of His holiness.

(10) Because the land is full of adulterers; because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

(11) Because both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in My house {temple} I have found their wickedness, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) Therefore their way will be to them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they will be driven on, and fall there: because I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused My people Israel to err.

(14) I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that no one turns from his wickedness: they are all of them to Me as Sodom, and those who live in Gomorrah.

(15) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says concerning the prophets; Indeed, I will feed them with wormwood, and cause them to drink the water of bitterness: because from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone forth into all the land.

(16) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) They still say to those who despise Me, The LORD {Jehovah} has said, You will have peace; and they say to everyone who walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil will come upon you.

(18) Because who has stood in the counsel of the LORD {Jehovah}, and has perceived and heard His word? who has marked His word, and heard *it*?

(19) Indeed, a whirlwind of the LORD {Jehovah} has gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it will fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.